## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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## <u>Information Request D.T.E. 1-8</u>

- Q. Please refer to page ten of Exhibit-NGC-1, lines nine through eleven. Explain the "timeframe required by the Company" referenced on line eleven.
- A. As mentioned in the Company's response to DTE 1-3, the Company forecasts a need for peak day deliverability in its Essex and Cape service territories beginning in 2005/06, and in its Boston service territory beginning in 2006/07. Additionally, all four of the Company's Massachusetts service territories show a need for incremental deliverability during the design heating season beginning in 2005/06. While the Company might be able to address small incremental requirements through purchases in the New England natural gas market, to address the growing need, the Company requires additional firm transportation capacity from a supply source to its city gates.